



Frequently Asked Questions  
**Monuments on the Capitol Complex**

**Q1: How do I place a request for a monument on the State Capitol Complex?**

A1: Requests for monuments are directed to the Iowa Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and are reviewed with the Capitol Planning Commission.

**Q2: What is the approval process?**

A2: If a monument is approved, an MOU between the State and the sponsor is developed, with assistance from DAS legal counsel, defining the terms of the agreement and including a payment for ongoing maintenance at an amount established through the process. If a project is not approved, the sponsor will be promptly notified.

**Q3: Can a sponsor modify an approved project?**

A3: The sponsor must request advance written approval from DAS to modify an approved project. DAS will forward all design-related changes to the Capitol Planning Commission for review and comment.

**Q4: Who pays for the long term maintenance and conservation of the project?**

A4: An amount is determined by DAS, but at least 10% of the cost to construct the project shall be placed in a revolving endowed maintenance account of DAS for ongoing and long-term maintenance.

**Q5: What happens if the project is not completed.... what happens to the funds that have already been raised?**

A5: If the project is not completed, the sponsor will return the remaining funds to the donors.

**Q6: Is there a deadline for raising funds?**

A6: There will be a deadline for raising funds to cover the cost of the project and a deadline for completion of the project. If deadlines are not met, the agreement may be terminated at the option of DAS.

**Q7: Who is liable for the Project?**

A7: The Sponsor will assume liability for the Project until the title and ownership is transferred to the State of Iowa.

**Q8: Can a monument be moved once it is placed on the Capitol Complex?**

A8: DAS reserves the right to move or alter approved projects if it is determined that such a move or alteration would be in the best interest of the Capitol Complex Master Plan.

**Q9: What monuments exist today?**

A9: Monuments are described at the following DAS website link:  
<http://das.gsc.iowa.gov/monuments/index.html>. Those monuments include:

1. [Corner Stone](#)
2. [Bochumer Verein Cannon](#)
3. [Mortar](#)
- 3a. [and a Cannon](#)
4. [V.F.W. Monument](#)
5. [G.A.R. Sundial](#)
6. [Lincoln and Tad](#)

#### **THE WEIDENMANN PROJECT INCLUDES NUMBERS 7-10**

In 1884, a committee appointed by Governor Buren R. Sherman chose architect John Weidenmann of New York City to design plans for improving the state capitol grounds. The plans were set aside while work on the capitol continued. Six years later, the actual project began and it was completed in 1892.

7. [Great Seal of Iowa](#)
8. [Bicentennial Fountain](#)
9. [Pioneer Statuary Group](#)
10. [Buffalo Head Drinking Fountain](#)
11. [Memorial Tree -- G.A.R.](#)
12. [Bicentennial Time Capsule](#)
13. [Centennial Time Capsule](#)
14. [Soldiers and Sailors Monument](#)
15. [Allison Monument](#)
16. [Christopher Columbus](#)
17. [Crocker Memorial](#)
18. [Korean War Memorial](#)
19. [Vietnam War Memorial](#)
20. [Martin Luther King Tree](#)
- 21A. [Japanese Bell and Bell House](#)
- 21B. [Memorial Bench](#)
22. [Scott's Grave](#)
23. [G.A.R. Flagpole](#)
24. [Peace Pole](#)
25. [Five Stones -- One Tree](#)
26. [WWII Memorial Plaza](#)
27. [The Pinnacle](#)
28. [Iowa "A Place to Grow" symbol](#)
29. [Peace Officers' Memorial](#)
30. [Liberty Bell](#)
31. [Spanish-American War Monument](#)
32. [Statue of Liberty](#)
33. [Oley Nelson Memorial Tree](#)
34. [Spanish Howitzer](#)
35. [Cosmic Seed](#)
36. [Pioneer Plow](#)
37. [Bryant Boulder](#)

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